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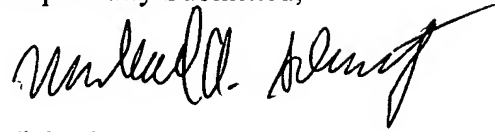
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## IMPROVEMENTS TO USE

(54) **CASE MODELLING**

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A computer implemented method for creating a use case description corresponding to a use case diagram for a process is described. The use case diagram comprises a plurality of entities wherein each entity belongs to one of a plurality of categories and is one of at least one pair of entities linked by a relationship. The method comprises retrieving a template for each entity, from a database of mark-up language templates, the database having a template for each category of entity; adapting each retrieved template such that it has a unique identifier and such that the retrieved template for at least one of each pair of related entities comprises data defining their relationship; and, storing the adapted template in a store, the stored adapted templates representing the use case description.

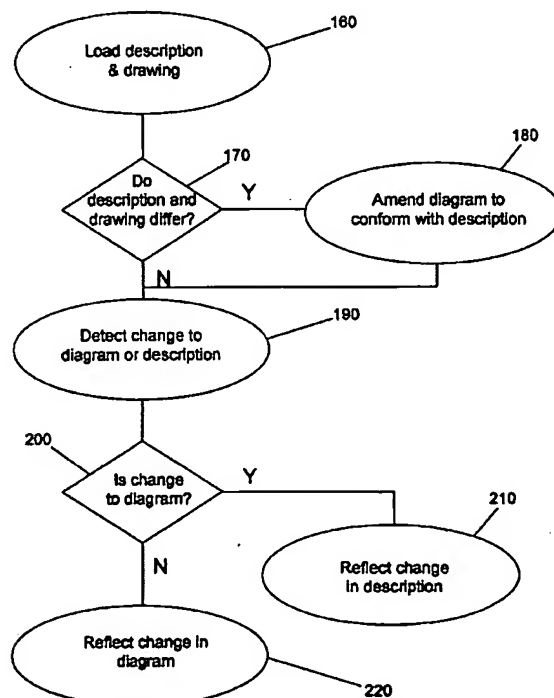
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Methods for automatically generating a use case diagram from a use case description and for synchronising a use case diagram and description automatically are described.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO USE CASE MODELLING

This invention relates to the automatic  
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description.

Use case modelling is an important technique included  
within the unified modelling language (UML). It is used to  
describe and define the requirements regarding how a user  
interacts with a computer system in order to perform a  
process. A use case model comprises a use case diagram and  
a use case description.

The use case diagram identifies the functionality  
provided by the process and the users who interact with the  
process and the association between the users, known as  
actors, and the functional entities, known as use cases, of  
the process. Associated with the use case diagram, the use  
case description describes the series of actions required  
to achieve the functionality. Typically, the use case  
description may comprise a paragraph describing the  
sequence of activities in each use case or, it may comprise  
a template, such as that described "Writing Effective Use  
Cases" by Alistair Cockburn published by Addison Wesley in  
2000, for each use case.

However, a problem exists since it is necessary to  
generate the use case diagram and use case description  
separately. Thus, any amendments made to either the use  
case diagram and use case description must be reflected in  
the other. Many users of the technique find this  
irritating and hence, often abandon the use case diagram in  
favour of the use case description only since the use case  
diagram represents a subset of the content of the use case  
description. This is particularly disadvantageous since  
the use case diagram can convey the relationships between  
the use cases more readily.

In accordance with one aspect of the present  
invention, there is provided a computer implemented method  
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